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Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Group Art No. 1743

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Charles S. Vann, et al.

Serial No.: 09/506,870

Filing Date: February 15, 2000

For: Bead Dispensing System

Confirmation No.: 6464

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated October 9, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:
  - ☐ an Independent Inventor

- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Attached Form 1449.
- ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows:
- ☒ Other Material as follows: Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

## FEE CALCULATION

☒ No Additional Fee is Due.


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- ☐ A check is enclosed in the foregoing amount due.
- ☐ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ to and through \_\_\_\_\_ comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following fees and to refund any overpayment associated with this communication or during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
- ☐ The foregoing amount due for filing this paper.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR § 1.16.

☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 or 1.20(d).

**SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR** with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application and are being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for a response by the Office Action.